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Acids

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2007

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicant respectfully requests continued examination and entry of the following amendments and remarks contained herein. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance.

A **Statement of the Substance of the Examiner Interview** of January 16, 2008 begins on page 3 of this document.

A **Listing of Claims** begins on page 4 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this document.

Claims 1-2, 4-5, 8-9, 11, 16, 21-23, 51-53, 71-72, and 74-80 were previously pending.

Please cancel claims 51-53, and 78-80.

Please amend claims 1, 4-5, 8-9, 11, 16, 71-72, and 75 as shown below.

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